

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE

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John L. Sullivan will be good.

By John L. Sullivan: "This is the one fight which no one has been able to get a line on. It may be short or long. At any rate, it will be a good one while it lasts. Who will win, I would not venture a guess."

By Abe Attell:

"Jeffries will knock Johnson out some time between the twentieth and the twenty-third rounds. After the fight has gone that far the negro will be tired and the white man will be able to deliver the final punch."

By Stanley Ketchel:

"Johnson is my choice. His superior cleverness and strength will bring home the big end of the purse to him."

By Jake Kilrain:

"Jeff should win. There is no reason why he should not be back in his old form if he has worked hard."

By Tom Jones, fight promoter and manager of Ad Wolgast:

"I think Jeff will win because of his gameness, hitting ability and bulldog determination."

By Frank Gotch, world's champion wrestler:

"Jeffries will win in a walk and the fight, I firmly believe, will be brief."

Tommy Burns Picks Jeff.

"Jeffries will defeat Johnson for the simple reason that, in every way, he is the champion's physical and mental superior."

By Jack Root, who fought Marvin Hart for the heavyweight championship:

"I can't see why, judging by their comparatively physical condition, Jeff should be favored over Johnson in the betting. To my mind Johnson is in much better shape than is the white man and if Jeff fails to win early Johnson will surely defeat him."

By Frank Hall, manager of John L. Sullivan:

"Johnson is in his prime, Jeffries has been out of the game for five years. No fighter, no athlete in all the history of sport ever 'came back'."

Nelson Says, Johnson.

By Battling Nelson, former lightweight champion:

"Johnson will win because he is in better condition than Jeffries, because of his youth and because no fighter ever was able, after leaving the ring for any length of time to come back."

BETTING IS IN FAVOR OF JEFF

RENO, Nev., July 2.—Jim Jeffries will enter the ring tomorrow a 10 to 6-12 favorite. This is the sentiment among the bettors today, and the bets recorded seem to forecast no change either way.

"There is plenty of money coming in on both men, and it's taken your choice at 10 to 6-12," was Betting Commissioner Tom Corbett's statement tonight.

"There is also plenty of even money and take your pick on the twenty-round proposition. These odds probably will prevail up to the time the men enter the ring."

"This is not a betting fight, strange to say," added Corbett.

"We are handling plenty of money, but nothing like the amount we expected would come in. We handled more money in San Francisco before we moved to Reno than we have taken in here. It may open up tomorrow, however, when the specials all get in, and the east and west meet on a common speculative ground."

Johnson's Heavy Backer.

Clarence Barry, warm personal friend and admirer of Johnson, who is credited with having made the odds by placing many thousands of dollars on the former champion, came in today, but had nothing to say as to his betting plans.

There was a great deal of Johnson sentiment among the small bettors, but the champion's partisans were looking for the best odds to be had, and quietly took the 10 to 6-12 in goodly aggregate. There was no rush to back Johnson at any time, but a quiet, steady play was made on the black man. This came more from eastern arrivals than from the western contingent, among whom the Jeffries sentiment is generally strong.

"Sentiment is cutting a big figure in this fight," said a well-known sporting man who has watched the betting since the men began training.

"Looks like a 10 to 9 bet."

"The west naturally leans to Jeffries because he is a western man and because they are better acquainted with him personally. But I believe it is too much sentiment and not enough of cold speculative reasoning that is making Jeffries such a top-heavy favorite. It looks to me like a 10 to 8 or 10 to 9 proposition, and I would not be surprised to see it at one of these figures before the gong rings tomorrow."

On one of the San Francisco special trains carrying fourteen Pullmans filled with notables from that city a pool was made today as they came over the mountains, and betting showed 2 to 1 in favor of Jeffries.

That is, twice as many tickets were taken on Jeffries as on Johnson. But this was among a crowd of Jeffries' own people and personal friends, which played a considerable part. The mutuals, the "poor man's game," a form of gambling that reflects a broader sentiment possibly than the pool betting, furnished an interesting insight into the betting situation tonight.

The board in Corbett's pool room showing the following records of tickets sold: 1 to 5 rounds, Jeffries, 34; Johnson, 3. Six to nine rounds, Jeffries, 29; Johnson, 5; ten to fifteen rounds, Jeffries, 30; Johnson, 6; fourteen to eighteen rounds, Jeffries, 34; Johnson, 17; nineteen to twenty-four rounds, Jeffries, 36; Johnson, 32; twenty-five and over, Jeffries, 46; Johnson, 32.

An analysis of this table would indicate that the public believes Johnson's chances of success will increase largely after the thirteenth round.

Nat Goodwin's money is credited with having forced down the odds on Jeffries tonight. Goodwin arrived from the east late today and sent in a big commission on Jeffries at ten to six and a half. The figures quickly dropped to ten to six with a few Johnson takers. Tim McGrath also had a commission of several thousand dollars from San Francisco and this helped to shorten the price on the white man.

Jeffries money made itself felt late tonight and the odds dropped to ten to six in the pool room. There were continuous calls of "ten to six on Jeffries; who wants Johnson?" and "even money that Jeffries wins in 20 rounds; who wants Johnson?"

The crowd around Corbett's place was tremendous and there was more life to the betting than at any time here before.

DELANEY PICKS JOHNSON TO WIN

JOHNSON TRAINING CAMP. Reno, July 2.—Delaney, the veteran trainer who made Jeffries the mighty fighter that he was and his followers still believe him to be, arrived here today and announced he would act as chief second to Johnson tomorrow.

After seeing the negro rubbed down and holding a consultation with him, Delaney expressed absolute confidence in his new protégé's ability to knock Jeffries out.

"Johnson will win," said the trainer.

"There can be no doubt about this point. He will defeat Jeffries, because he has unbounded confidence combined with a wonderful muscular development. The big negro's sole ambition is to be the champion pugilist of the world. No man of the build and cleverness of this dusky giant whose heart is in his work can be defeated by Jeffries."

Does Not Underrate Jeffries. "Do not think that I underrate Jeffries. I know him perhaps better than any man in the world. He is not a fighter who loves the game, and therefore lacks confidence. Understand, I do not think he is a coward, for when he gets into the thick of the fray he will fight; but he will come to the battleground with lukewarm interest in the test that he will face."

No line of battle has been laid out by Delaney for Johnson and none will be before the fighters are in the ring.

"I never plan a fight before I see my man's opponent in action," said Delaney.

Champ Johnson, always happy, was almost hysterical with joy over Delaney's arrival today.

It was explained that the illness of Delaney had delayed him in San Francisco, but there was a generally accepted rumor that Johnson's handlers brought Delaney here at the eleventh hour to give the negro's spirits an uplift just before the fight. Whether pre-arranged for this purpose or not, the sight of Delaney made Johnson very happy.

Johnson Meets Delaney. Jack was just returning from an eight-mile jaunt over the road at 10:30 o'clock this morning when Delaney met him at the steps of his training quarters. The big fellow clasped his chief adviser's hand and wrung it warmly.

"I'm mighty, mighty glad to see you, Mr. Delaney," he said.

Delaney went upstairs and saw Johnson in the hands of his trainers. When Delaney emerged from Johnson's room a few minutes later, he

beamed with satisfaction and good nature. He announced that he and Johnson had agreed the following men should be in the colored man's corner:

Delaney, Sig Hart, Al Kaufman, Doc Fure, Prof. Burns and Stanley Ketchel, time keeper.

Everything moved in free and easy fashion here today. Everybody had a good time. When Johnson was not in sight—men and women—played at roulette tables, which were in full swing, as the state law does not prohibit Sunday gambling. Reno has a city ordinance against it, but this camp is outside the corporation limits. The bar, too, had all the business it could handle.

Orders Trainers Punished. Johnson slept soundly and was up at 7 o'clock, skipping around the halls. Soon after he rose Dave Mills and Walter Monahan, his sparring partner, arrived home after a night in town. Judge Johnson immediately called court to order, found them guilty of desertion and ordered R. J. Cominsky another trainer, to punish them with a barrel stove until he thought they were repentant.

After drinking a little cream Johnson went for a run with several trainers. The eight miles were made in a little less than an hour, only a little fast work being attempted. Johnson led the bunch back into camp. He was perspiring freely but did not appear tired.

"I feel great," he said to a crowd of admirers that thronged about him.

Breakfast was eaten shortly before noon, Jack entertaining a party of Chicago detective sergeants, Johnson ate sparingly.

Poses for Picture Men. After the meal the fighter posed for several hours for the motion picture and newspaper photographers. As usual, he showed a keen interest in the proceedings and offered several suggestions about his poses.

"Excuse my beard, boys; I should have shaved before you came."

There is no doubt that Johnson did need a shave badly. Jeffries, however, need not fear that his opponent will use the "bearding" tactics of Battling Nelson in the ring. Johnson said his chin would be as slick as a teacup when he touched the gloves tomorrow. Likewise, he had his head shaved close to the scalp.

The moving picture men got a film this afternoon that was not on the bill. Johnson caught Tom Flanagan in the yard and, bending him over his knee, gave him a sound trouncing with a four-foot stick. Johnson explained that Flanagan had been "fooling with the court."

Johnson Visits Town. Toward sunset Johnson decided he wanted to take a ride through town to see the crowd.

He telephoned to the headquarters of one of the San Francisco newspapers and requested that an auto be sent out for him. This was quickly done and the champion and several of his trainers were soon lost in a cloud of dust.

Arriving in town Johnson, who said he was just taking a little joy ride, went to the newspaper's headquarters on Main street. Instantly there was a wild stampede of the crowds that had wandered aimlessly up and down all day without one single sensation. The street was instantly jammed for two blocks, every one craning to see the big black Johnson obligingly stood up in his car, took off his cap and bowed and smiled in all directions. In a few moments he returned to the camp.

After Johnson's return from his joy ride to the town he lay down and rested for two hours. He ate a light dinner and then began his pranks with the attaches of his camp. Johnson saved his big fiddle, a small negro with a high tenor voice sang rag time, and there was a general jollification. Before retiring Johnson said he was feeling fine, had enjoyed his last day of training as well as any, and was confident he would go into the ring as unperturbed as he ever had been.

Billy Delaney was provided with quarters at the resort. The old trainer will have full charge of the pugilist tomorrow.

MESSAGES OF JEFF AND JACK

RENO, Nev., July 3.—James J. Jeffries and John A. Johnson, through the Associated Press tonight, delivered their last messages as to their confidence and fitness that they will give before they shake hands in the ring tomorrow afternoon. By James J. Jeffries:

"When the gloves are knotted on my hands tomorrow afternoon and I stand ready to defend what is really my title, it will be at the request of the public, which has forced me out of retirement. I realize full well just what depends on me, and I am not going to disappoint."

"As to my condition and just how I feel on the eve of the battle—there's no use going into detail. That

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"I have trained faithfully for this fight. There cannot be the slightest doubt that my physical condition is such that it could not be improved upon. The conditions under which I have trained and the routine that I have followed have brought me to a state in which I will be able to exert every ounce of my strength and bring into play every point about boxing that I know of. My original intentions regarding my training have been carefully carried out, and I could not ask for better results. Every one, critics and all, who have seen me, agree that I am conditioned to the notch where I could enter the ring at a moment's notice."

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Ketchel smiled, but did not move away.

Jeffries continued playing for a few minutes and then turning to Farmer Burns jerked his head in the direction of Ketchel and said:

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THIS LOT..15c

We actually offer in this lot some Corset Cover Embroideries which are remarkable values. The patterns are dainty and lacy--not the cheap sort you expect at this price--in fact, these are the materials which would be counted cheap at 25c. These two will be on a table apart.

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THIS LOT...25c

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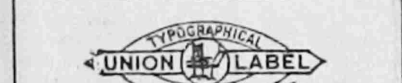
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